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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
10 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION  
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12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
13 Plaintiff, )  
14 v. )  
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16 RONDALE MANUEL ASOPARDO, )  
17 ARTHUR CHESTER OROGO BALMES, )  
18 AGOSTO AYSON BIAGON, )  
19 LEONARDO UGALDE BRIOSOS, )  
20 RODOLFO UGALDE BRIOSOS, )  
21 FRANCIS ARNEL RONAS MAROTO, )  
22 RAFAEL MARTINEZ, )  
23 DOUGLAS QUINTANA MEEHLEIB, )  
24 GABRIEL JOSE NAVARRETTE, )  
25 JESUS JOSE NAVARRO, )  
26 ARNEL TABANGCURA SALAVER, )  
27 FETONGI MAMAHI SANFT, )  
28 VAEA TANGITAU SANFT, )  
ELGIN BLANCAFLOR SARIQUE, )  
SOSAIA TOVIKO TAUELANGI, and )  
SEGUNDO BENDO TIONGCO, Jr., )  
Defendants. )

No.

VIOLATIONS: Title 18, United States  
Code, Sections 371 and 1708 – Conspiracy  
to Steal United States Mail; Title 18, United  
States Code, Section 1708 – Theft of U.S.  
Mail

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1 INDICTMENT

2 The Grand Jury charges:

3 COUNT ONE: (18 U.S.C. §§ 371 and 1708 – Conspiracy to Steal United States Mail)

4 1. Beginning on a date unknown to the grand jury, but no later than in or about  
5 November 2003, and continuing through on or about April 14, 2005, in the Northern District of  
6 California and elsewhere, the defendants

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8 RONDALE MANUEL ASOPARDO,  
9 ARTHUR CHESTER OROGO BALMES,  
10 AGOSTO AYSON BIAGON,  
11 LEONARDO UGALDE BRIOSOS,  
12 RODOLFO UGALDE BRIOSOS,  
13 FRANCIS ARNEL RONAS MAROTO,  
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19 FETONGI MAMAHI SANFT,  
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21 ELGIN BLANCAFLOR SARIQUE,  
22 SOSAIA TOVIKO TAUELANGI, and  
23 SEGUNDO BENDO TIONGCO, Jr.,

24 and others known and unknown to the grand jury, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to  
25 commit an offense against the United States, namely to steal United States mail, in violation of  
26 Title 18, United States Code, Section 1078, as follows:

27 THE DEFENDANTS

28 2. The defendants were all employed by Aeroground, a company providing  
temporary employees to various airlines, including Nippon Cargo Airlines ("NCA"), at the San  
Francisco International Airport ("SFO"). The defendants were assigned to work for NCA at  
SFO. NCA was responsible for handling United States mail bound for various United States  
military personnel and their families stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

THE HANDLING OF MILITARY MAIL

At all times relevant to this Indictment:

3. The United States Postal Service (USPS) operated the International Service  
Center (ISC) in Daly City, California. The ISC was responsible for processing international mail,

1 including outgoing mail destined for U.S. military personnel serving in certain overseas  
2 locations. Almost all U.S. Mail addressed to the nearly 80,000 military postal customers located  
3 in Okinawa, Japan was processed at the ISC and designated as military mail.

4 4. USPS required each sender of an Okinawa-bound parcel to complete a customs  
5 declaration form, which stated the contents of the parcel and the corresponding value of those  
6 contents. The customs declaration form was then affixed to the outside of the parcel, such that  
7 anyone handling the package would be able to determine its contents.

8 5. Letter mail and small parcels were typically put into mail sacks and sealed for  
9 security by USPS mail handlers at the ISC. Those sacks were then loaded into large metal air  
10 cargo containers. Due to their size, large parcels could not be placed in the mail sacks, but  
11 instead were either placed directly into the air cargo containers or placed in metal "Over The  
12 Road" (OTR) containers, which are USPS rolling carts used to transport mail. The air cargo  
13 containers and OTRs were then trucked to a warehouse facility operated by NCA at SFO.

14 6. NCA was the primary air carrier of Okinawa-bound U.S. military mail. Upon  
15 arrival at NCA, the air cargo containers and OTRs were offloaded from the truck by NCA cargo  
16 handlers, including the defendants named in this Indictment. After being unloaded from the  
17 truck, the air cargo containers were stored in the NCA warehouse until they were subsequently  
18 loaded onto a NCA cargo plane for transport to Japan.

#### 19 MANNER AND MEANS OF THE CONSPIRACY

20 7 It was part of the conspiracy that the defendants would read the customs forms  
21 attached to the outside of the U.S. mail parcels being handled at NCA in order to find attractive  
22 items to steal, such as laptop computers, DVDs, CDs, digital cameras, computer monitors,  
23 XBOX video game systems, jewelry, valuable clothing (such as leather jackets and expensive  
24 athletic shoes), and gift cards.

25 8. After identifying parcels containing attractive merchandise, the defendants would  
26 then cut open the parcels, steal the contents, conceal the stolen items in their clothing, and then  
27 re-tape the parcels to conceal evidence of the tampering.

28 9. The defendants would carry the stolen merchandise, usually concealed under their

1 clothing, to their personal vehicles located in the adjoining parking lot or conceal the stolen items  
2 with garbage and take them to the garbage dumpsters located outside of the NCA warehouse,  
3 from which they would later retrieve the stolen items .

4 10. Then, the defendants would place the re-taped parcels on a pallet or inside an air  
5 cargo container, which was subsequently flown to Japan. This way, the parcels were not  
6 identified as being rifled with, or having contents missing, until they were received and opened  
7 by the addressees in Okinawa.

8 11. In carrying out this conspiracy to steal military mail, the defendants assisted one  
9 another in various ways, including but not limited to the following:

10 (a) The defendants would point out to each other attractive mail merchandise to steal  
11 and would serve as "lookouts" for one another so that the mail thefts could be committed without  
12 anyone getting caught by supervisors or other NCA employees.

13 (b) The defendants would also sometimes share with one another the contents stolen  
14 from mail parcels.

15 (c) The defendants would sometimes help each other carry stolen merchandise from  
16 the NCA warehouse to their personal vehicles parked in the adjoining parking lot.

17 (d) The defendants would also sell stolen mail merchandise to each other and trade  
18 stolen mail merchandise with each other.

#### 19 OVERT ACTS

20 12. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, the defendants  
21 committed the following overt acts, among others, in the Northern District of California and  
22 elsewhere:

23 (a) On or about January 31, 2005, RONDALE MANUEL ASOPARDO stole an  
24 XBOX from the mail at SFO.

25 (b) On or about February 21, 2005, ARTHUR CHESTER OROGO BALMES stole a  
26 Sony Vaio laptop computer from the mail at SFO.

27 (c) In or about November 2004, AGOSTO AYSON BIAGON smuggled a laptop  
28 computer stolen by Arnel Tabangcura Salaver from the mail at SFO out of the NCA warehouse

1 for Salaver.

2 (d) On or about February 19, 2005, LEONARDO UGALDE BRIOSOS stole an  
3 envelope from the inside of a yellow mail sack at SFO.

4 (e) In or about December 2004, RODOLFO UGALDE BRIOSOS stole a pair of  
5 earrings from a yellow mail sack at SFO.

6 (f) In or about December 2004, FRANCIS ARNEL RONAS MAROTO stole an  
7 XBOX from the mail at SFO.

8 (g) On or about February 14, 2005, RAFAEL MARTINEZ stole an IBM laptop from  
9 the mail at SFO.

10 (h) On or about and between November 2004 and December 2004, DOUGLAS  
11 QUINTANA MEEHLEIB stole a laptop computer from the mail at SFO.

12 (i) On or about February 12, 2005, GABRIEL JOSE NAVARRETTE stole a  
13 camcorder and jewelry from the mail at SFO.

14 (j) On or about January 25, 2005, JESUS JOSE NAVARRO stole silver proof notes  
15 from the mail at SFO.

16 (k) In or about November 2004, ARNEL TABANGCURA SALAVER stole a laptop  
17 computer from the mail at SFO.

18 (l) On or about February 11, 2005, FETONGI MAMAHI SANFT stole a laptop  
19 computer from the mail at SFO.

20 (m) On or about February 14, 2005, VAEA TANGITAU SANFT stole computer parts  
21 from the mail at SFO.

22 (n) On or about December 3, 2004, ELGIN BLANCAFLOR SARIQUE stole a  
23 Charter One Bank gift card from the mail at SFO.

24 (o) On or about February 7, 2005, SOSAIA TOVIKO TAUELANGI stole a computer  
25 monitor from the mail at SFO.

26 (p) On or about February 7, 2005, SEGUNDO BENDO TIONGCO, Jr., stole a  
27 leather jacket from the mail at SFO.

28 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

1 COUNT TWO: (18 U.S.C. § 1708 – Theft of United States Mail)

2 On or about January 31, 2005, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,

3 RONDALE MANUEL ASOPARDO,

4 stole from and out of a mail route a letter, package, bag, and mail and removed from any such  
5 letter, package, bag and mail an article and thing contained therein, to wit: an XBOX, in violation  
6 of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708.

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8 COUNT THREE: (18 U.S.C. § 1708 – Theft of United States Mail)

9 On or about February 21, 2005, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,

10 ARTHUR CHESTER OROGO BALMES,

11 stole from and out of a mail route a letter, package, bag, and mail and removed from any such  
12 letter, package, bag and mail an article and thing contained therein, to wit: a Sony Vaio laptop, in  
13 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708.

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15 COUNT FOUR: (18 U.S.C. § 1708 – Theft of United States Mail)

16 In or about November 2004, in the Northern District of California, the defendants,

17 AGOSTO AYSON BIAGON and  
18 ARNEL TABANGCURA SALAVER,

19 stole from and out of a mail route a letter, package, bag, and mail and removed from any such  
20 letter, package, bag and mail an article and thing contained therein, to wit: a laptop computer, in  
21 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708.

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23 COUNT FIVE: (18 U.S.C. § 1708 - Theft of United States Mail)

24 On or about February 19, 2005, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,

25 LEONARDO UGALDE BRIOSOS,

26 stole from and out of a mail route a letter, package, bag, and mail and removed from any such  
27 letter, package, bag and mail an article and thing contained therein, to wit: an envelope from a  
28 yellow mail sack, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708.

1 COUNT SIX: (18 U.S.C. § 1708 - Theft of United States Mail)

2 In or about December 2004, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,

3 RODOLFO UGALDE BRIOSOS,

4 stole from and out of a mail route a letter, package, bag, and mail and removed from any such  
5 letter, package, bag and mail an article and thing contained therein, to wit: a pair of earrings from  
6 a yellow mail sack, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708.

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8 COUNT SEVEN: (18 U.S.C. § 1708 - Theft of United States Mail)

9 In or about December 2004, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,

10 FRANCIS ARNEL RONAS MAROTO,

11 stole from and out of a mail route a letter, package, bag, and mail and removed from any such  
12 letter, package, bag and mail an article and thing contained therein, to wit: an XBOX, in violation  
13 of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708.

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15 COUNT EIGHT: (18 U.S.C. § 1708 - Theft of United States Mail)

16 On or about February 14, 2005, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,

17 RAFAEL MARTINEZ,

18 stole from and out of a mail route a letter, package, bag, and mail and removed from any such  
19 letter, package, bag and mail an article and thing contained therein, to wit: an IBM laptop  
20 computer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708.

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22 COUNT NINE: (18 U.S.C. § 1708 - Theft of United States Mail)

23 On or about and between November 2004 and December 2004, in the Northern District of  
24 California, the defendant,

25 DOUGLAS QUINTANA MEEHLEIB,

26 stole from and out of a mail route a letter, package, bag, and mail and removed from any such  
27 letter, package, bag and mail an article and thing contained therein, to wit: a laptop computer, in  
28 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708.

1 COUNT TEN: (18 U.S.C. § 1708 – Theft of United States Mail)

2 On or about February 12, 2005, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,  
3 GABRIEL JOSE NAVARRETTE,  
4 stole from and out of a mail route a letter, package, bag, and mail and removed from any such  
5 letter, package, bag and mail an article and thing contained therein, to wit: a camcorder, in  
6 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708.  
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8 COUNT ELEVEN: (18 U.S.C. § 1708 – Theft of United States Mail)

9 On or about January 25, 2005, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,  
10 JESUS JOSE NAVARRO,  
11 stole from and out of a mail route a letter, package, bag, and mail and removed from any such  
12 letter, package, bag and mail an article and thing contained therein, to wit: silver proof notes, in  
13 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708.  
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15 COUNT TWELVE: (18 U.S.C. § 1708 – Theft of United States Mail)

16 On or about February 11, 2005, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,  
17 FETONGI MAMAHI SANFT,  
18 stole from and out of a mail route a letter, package, bag, and mail and removed from any such  
19 letter, package, bag and mail an article and thing contained therein, to wit: a laptop computer, in  
20 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708.  
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22 COUNT THIRTEEN: (18 U.S.C. § 1708 – Theft of United States Mail)

23 On or about February 14, 2005, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,  
24 VAEA TANGITAU SANFT,  
25 stole from and out of a mail route a letter, package, bag, and mail and removed from any such  
26 letter, package, bag and mail an article and thing contained therein, to wit: computer parts, in  
27 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708.  
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1 COUNT FOURTEEN: (18 U.S.C. § 1708 – Theft of United States Mail)

2 On or about December 3, 2004, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,  
3 ELGIN BLANCAFLOR SARIQUE,  
4 stole from and out of a mail route a letter, package, bag, and mail and removed from any such  
5 letter, package, bag and mail an article and thing contained therein, to wit: a Charter One Bank  
6 gift card, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708.  
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8 COUNT FIFTEEN: (18 U.S.C. § 1708 – Theft of United States Mail)

9 On or about February 7, 2005, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,  
10 SOSAIA TOVIKO TAUELANGI,  
11 stole from and out of a mail route a letter, package, bag, and mail and removed from any such  
12 letter, package, bag and mail an article and thing contained therein, to wit: a computer monitor,  
13 in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708.  
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15 COUNT SIXTEEN: (18 U.S.C. § 1708 – Theft of United States Mail)

16 On or about February 7, 2005, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,  
17 SEGUNDO BENDO TIONGCO, Jr.,  
18 stole from and out of a mail route a letter, package, bag, and mail and removed from any such

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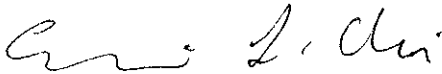
1 letter, package, bag and mail an article and thing contained therein, to wit: a leather jacket, in  
2 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708.

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A TRUE BILL.

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